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1. WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT JUAN GONZALEZ YUSTE
WRITES FOR JULY 12 MADRID DAILY EL PAIS (INDEPENDENT
LIBERAL LEFT) UNDER HEADLINE "THE ARMS FACE, PRIN-
CIPAL DISCORD BETWEEN THE SUPERPOWERS GROWING
DETERIORATION OF SOVIET AMERICAN RELATIONS:"

2. "THE CRUSADE' IN FAVOR OF WORLD RESPECT FOR
HUMAN RIGHTS UNDERTAKEN BY THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION,
THE DEAD CENTER ON WHICH NEGOTIATIONS FOR A NEW
STRATEGIC ARMS LIMITATIONS TREATY... ARE STUCK THE
DEFENSE WEAPONS POLICY ADOPTED BY THE AMERICAN
GOVERNMENT AND THE PROGRESSIVE ESCALATION OF CRITICISMS
AND ACCUSATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES, APPEAR TO
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INDICATE THAT THE ERA OF "DETENDE" BETWEEN WASHINGTON
AND MOSCOW IS COMING TO AN END.

3. "THE SOVIETS ACCUSE CARTER OF REVIVING THE ARMS
RACE AND MEDDLING IN THEIR INTERNAL AFFAIRS. AS PROOF
OF THE FIRST THEY CITE THE PRESIDENTIAL DECISION TO
PUSH DEVELOPMENT OF THE NEW CRUISE MISSILE, AND

THE PREPARATION OF THE NEUTRON BOMB.... IN RESPECT TO THE SECOND MOSCOW ALLEGES THAT THE RESOUNDING HUMAN RIGHTS CAMPAIGN HAS NO OBJECTIVE OTHER THAN CRITICIZING THE SOCIALIST COUNTRIES AND THAT IN THE CASE OF THE USSR THIS TRANSLATES ITSELF INTO WASHINGTON SUPPORT SUPPORT FOR THE SOVIET POLITICAL DISSIDENTS.

4. ON THE AMERICAN SIDE IT IS ALLEGED THAT THE FACT THAT SIX LATIN AMERICAN DICTATORSHIPS HAVE COOLED THEIR RELATIONS WITH WASHINGTON BECAUSE OF CARTERS PRO-HUMAN RIGHTS POLICY IS A GOOD PROOF THAT THIS POLICY IS NO MERE TACTICAL TRICK AGAINST THE SOCIALIST COUNTRIES. IN REGARD TO THE ARMS PROBLEM, THE PRACTICAL IMPOSSIBILITY OF SIGNING A NEW SALT ACCORD WITH MOSCOW BEFORE THE EXPIRATION OF THE PRESENT ONE... IS RECONGIZED, BUT... IT IS DENIED THAT THE CRUISE MISSLE COULD UPSET THE STRATEGIC BALANCE...Z

5. THE DECISION BY CARTER TO SUSPEND THE B-1 PROGRAM AND TO DEVELOP INSTEAD THE CRUISE MISSILE HAS DONE NOTHING MORE THAN ENCOURAGE THE TENSION...." THIS SERIES OF CHILLINGS AND PROGRESSIVE HARDENINGS IS, IT IS BELIEVED IN WASHINGTON, BRINGING TO A CLOSE THE STAGE OF DETENTE THAT FOLLOWED THE COLD WAR OF THE 1950 FOR SOME A NEW STAGE IS OPENING IN WHICH THE TWO SUPERPOWERS WILL COPETE HARD, BUT WITHOUT REACHING UNCLASSIFIED

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THE LEVEL OF HOSTILITY OF THE COLD WAR. FOR OTHERS, THE COMPLEX REATIONS BETWEEN WASHINGTON AND MOSCOW HAVE PASSED THROUGH MANY UPS AND DOWNS SINCE THE SECOND WORLD WAR AND THEY ARE NOW IN A PERIOD OF DESCENT.

6. "IN ANY CASE, NEITHER A NEW SALT NOR A CARTER-BREZHNEV MEETING APPEAR VERY PROBABLE THIS YEAR, AND THERE ARE THOSE WHO THINK THAT THE UNITED STATES, WITH A STABLE LEADERSHIP FOR VIRTUALLY EIGHT YEARS, WANT TO BE IN AN ADVANTAGEOUS POSITION FOR WAITING FOR THE COMPLICATED SUCCESSION OF BREZHNEV... TO BE DECIDED AND FOR THE EUROCOMMUNIST MOVEMENTS TO LOSE THEIR ADHESION TO THE SOCIALIST BLOC IN ORDER TO THEN OBTAIN THE GREATEST POSSIBLE ADVATAGES IN A NEW STAGE OF RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE TWO SUPERPOWERS.
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